

Spotlight on Pee Dee...

Location & Climate

Located in the northeast area of the state, the Pee Dee WIA is comprised of six counties: Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, Florence and Darlington. This area experiences average temperatures in the low 60s and has between 41.90 and 47.53 inches of precipitation annually.

Population

Total Area Population 2004: 335,067
Male: 47.3% **Female:** 52.7%
White: 55.2% **Nonwhite:** 44.8%

Employment

Average monthly employment in 2004 for counties across the Pee Dee WIA ranged from 10,957 in Marlboro to 58,134 in Florence.

Labor Force

The labor force in the Pee Dee area reached 154,602 in 2004. The 2004 unemployment rate spanned from 8.0% to 13.6%, showing an increase since 2003.

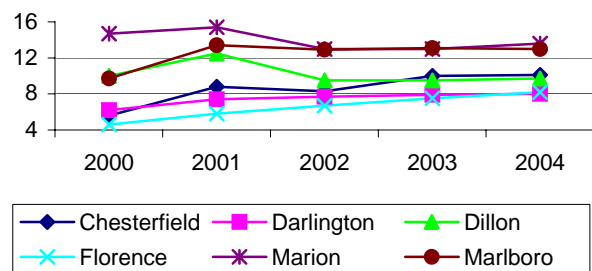
Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2004, unemployment insurance benefits paid by workforce centers in the Pee Dee WIA reached a total of \$32,933,500.

Per Capita Income

Per capita income for Pee Dee WIA counties in 2003 ranged from \$18,676 to \$26,088, between 71% and 100% of the state's PCI of \$26,144.

Unemployment Rate by County



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